

## CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

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## AMENDMENTS

Please amend claims 1, 4 and 7 and add claim 12 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(i) as set forth in the "clean" version set forth below. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii) is attached hereto as Appendix A.

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Amended 1. Apparatus for controlling color of an interference effect pigment during the pigment preparation comprising:

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- an interference effect pigment reactor;
- a flow cell in communication with the reactor adapted to receive and orient a sample of pigment from the reactor; and
- a goniospectrophotometer, interfaced with said flow cell, for evaluating light reflected from pigment in said flow cell.

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*A2* Amended 4. Apparatus of claim 1, wherein said flow cell is a thin layer flow cell.

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Q3 Amended 7. Method for controlling color of an interference effect pigment during the pigment preparation comprising providing a flow cell with an oriented sample of the pigment being formed, impinging light on the sample, and comparing a characteristic of light reflected from the pigment with a standard.

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Q4 New 12. Method of claim 7, wherein said flow cell is a thin layer flow cell and the method further comprises providing a sample of the pigment being formed to said flow cell.

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